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Edgewood CB Center Director Named Federal Laboratory Consortium Laboratory Director of Year

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Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md. – The Edgewood Chemical Biological Center (ECBC) announces that Jim Zarzycki, ECBC Technical Director, has been named Laboratory Director of the Year by the Federal Laboratory Consortium (FLC).

“The selection process for the FLC award is extremely competitive, and we all deserve to be proud of this honor,” said Zarzycki. “Because of the prestige of the award, being selected is an honor that recognizes both the excellence of ECBC’s efforts and technology transfer program.”

Since Zarzycki became technical director in 1998, the technology transfer program at ECBC has grown from 11 active Cooperative Research and Development Agreements (CRADA) to 43 active CRADAs, 11 patent license agreements, 24 new test service agreements, and 26 agreements with other government agencies.

Zarzycki will receive the award in May 2003 at a ceremony in Arizona.

With this annual award, the National Advisory Council of the FLC honors a laboratory director who has made outstanding contributions to the overall enhancement of technology transfer for economic development. Accomplishments related to the transfer of technology from the federal laboratory to industry, including support of FLC activities, internal accomplishments, industry involvement, and community service, are the primary criteria for the award.

ECBC submitted a nomination that detailed ECBC’s history of technology transfer, Zarzycki’s personal involvement in ECBC technology transfer efforts internal to Edgewood, and his personal involvement with technology transfer initiatives external to the laboratory and the associated impact on the industry. The nomination also described an especially successful technology transfer effort that occurred during 2002.

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